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Honorable Alex McMillan
House of Representatives
401 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McMillan:

This is in reply to your letter of February 5, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, John N. Franke, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and

Honorable Alex McMillan

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,

for Beverly H. Baker

Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

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January 17, 1993

The Honorable Alex McMillan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Subject: Federal Communications Commission
NPRM Docket 92-235

It is difficult to understand how the FCC has developed this 419 page document relative to part 88 without being aware of its effect on part 95.

In short, enactment as presented will impinge upon a ten year program, of the same agency, to assign, test and integrate certain frequencies dedicated to hobby use. At some expense, the hobbyists have converted to these frequencies, with the understanding that, though shared with other users at minimal gap, they would be usable for the foreseeable future. The new, proposed frequencies will, when considering tolerances, power and the new user's mobility, overlap hobby frequencies on the 72 and 75 MHz band. Interference to us is the loss of a three or four hundred airplane.

Modeling led me to a career in aviation, including a 51 mission tour in B-17's during WWII. It is now my only affordable flying and I am reluctant to abandon several carefully built airplanes and rather expensive radios and engines not to mention auxiliary tools and equipment.

Most, I shall miss a very rewarding hobby of sixty ...